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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR KIRK TO BRUSSELS

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1. SUMMARY AND COMMENT: DURING HIS SHORT VISIT TO
BRUSSELS, AMBASSADOR KIRK, NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE TO USIAEA IN VIENNA, HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF
VIEWS WHICH WE THINK FURTHER CONTRIBUTED TO REDUCING SOME
OF THE RECENT STRAIN IN US-EURATOM RELATIONS. IN ADDITION
TO A MEETING WITH EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER, HE ALSO MET
WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY LEONARD WILLIAMS,
DIETRICH HAMMER ACTING IN THE ABSENCE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOR SCIENCE AND RESEARCH SCHUSTER, AND CACCIA-DOMINIONI,
THE PRINCIPAL COORDINATOR FOR COMMISSION PARTICIPATION IN
INFCE. WE THINK THAT AMBASSADOR KIRK'S STOPOVER IN
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BRUSSELS ON HIS WAY TO VIENNA WAS A USEFUL PSYCHOLOGICAL
GESTURE TO EMPHASIZE US DESIRE TO INCREASE OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC ON NUCLEAR MATTERS AS WELL AS TO
ACQUAINT HIM MORE FULLY WITH EC EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE
FEW REMAINING STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE EC/IAEA VERIFICATION
AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN A GENERAL REVIEW OF THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT AND THE EFFORTS TO BRING IT INTO FORCE, COMMISSIONER BRUNNER AND OTHER EC OFFICIALS CLAIMED THAT ALTHOUGH THE US AND THE EC MEMBER STATES GENERALLY SHARE THE SAME OBJECTIVE TO REDUCE THE WORLD-WIDE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, THE IAEA--APPARENTLY AT THE INSTIGATION OF VARIOUS IAEA MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE US AND THE USSR--HAS INTERPRETED THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN 1973 IN A STRICT MANNER, GOING WELL BEYOND THE ORIGINAL INTENT. AFTER HARD AND DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS, THE EC HAS FINALLY AGREED TO IAEA DEMANDS, AND IT IS NOW ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND FORMALITIES ARE COMPLETED TO PERMIT THE AGREEMENT TO BE BROUGHT FULLY INTO FORCE THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. BRUNNER, WILLIAMS AND HAMMER STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE NOW ACCEPTABLE TO THE EC MEMBER STATES, THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE GONE AS FAR AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN IN ACCOMMODATING THE US AND OTHER IAEA MEMBERS.

3. WILLIAMS IN PARTICULAR NOTED THAT "WE NOW APPEAR TO BE SAILING IN CALMER WATERS". REFLECTING REF B, HE SAID THAT OVER TWO-THIRDS OF THE REMAINING FACILITY ATTACHMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN COMPLETED. PROCEDURES FOR LIGHT WATER REACTORS HAVE NOW BEEN FULLY SETTLED, AND PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN REGARD TO THE WAK NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT IN GERMANY DESPITE CERTAIN TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH AN ADDITIONAL 60 DAYS EXTENSION WILL BE NECESSARY, WILLIAMS
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SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT VIRTUALLY ALL FACILITY ATTACHMENTS WILL BE IN PLACE BY THE JUNE MEETING OF THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND THAT ANY DELAYS BEYOND THAT WOULD ONLY BE DUE TO PROBLEMS IN THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF AGREED-UPON SOLUTIONS. OBTAINING THE NECESSARY APPROVAL OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AND OPERATORS OF THESE ATTACHMENTS AND PROCEDURES SHOULD BE A SIMPLE FINAL FORMALITY SINCE THE COMMISSION HAS CONSULTED WITH THEM ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

4. BRUNNER ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WE COULD ESTABLISH BETTER COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND VIENNA IN ORDER TO ASSURE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS AND TO AVOID "SURPRISES". HE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION NOW HAS A REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA (GIORGIO LONGO) WHOM HE HOPED AMBASSADOR KIRK WOULD MEET UPON HIS ARRIVAL. HE FELT THAT THE PRESENT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AS WELL AS THE EARLIER VISIT BY AMBASSADOR SMITH, HAD BEEN EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND SHOULD BE REPEATED.

5. AMBASSADOR KIRK NOTED THAT HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET THE EC REPRESENTATIVE IN VIENNA AND DO ALL HE COULD TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN USIAEA-VIENNA AND BRUSSELS THROUGH USEC. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMISSION

SHOULD ALSO RELY ON ITS OWN COMMUNICATION LINES TO THE IAEA SECRETARIAT AND FOLLOW SOVIET INTENTIONS THROUGH THE MEMBER STATE MISSIONS IN VIENNA. BRUNNER NOTED THAT UNFORTUNATELY THE MEMBER STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA ARE NOT ALWAYS ATTUNED TO THE NEEDS OF THE EC. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM WILLIAMS, AMBASSADOR KIRK NOTED THAT HE ASSUMED THAT THE USSR WILL CONTINUE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE EC FAILURE TO IMPLEMENT THE VERIFICATION AGREEMENT AT EVERY GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND EVERY CHANCE IT GETS UNTIL ALL THE FACILITY ATTACHMENTS ARE CONCLUDED AND THE AGREEMENT IS IN FACT FULLY IN FORCE.

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6. HAMMER DURING LUNCH ALSO RAISED THE ADVISABILITY OF THE EC COMMISSION ATTENDING THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING IN AN OBSERVER CAPACITY WHENEVER IAEA/EURATOM MATTERS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION (E.G., THE APRIL 21 MEETING) AND ASKED FOR AMBASSADOR KIRK'S REACTION. AMBASSADOR KIRK EXPRESSED THE PERSONAL VIEW THAT SUCH PARTICIPATION SEEMS LOGICAL. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMISSION AND APPROPRIATE MEMBER STATES SHOULD LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR EC OBSERVER PARTICIPATION IN BG MEETINGS CAREFULLY IN ADVANCE IN ORDER TO AVOID CREATING A PRECEDENT WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO PRESSURE FOR OTHER LESS DESIRABLE ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS COMECOM AND THE PLO, TO ALSO ATTEND AS

OBSERVERS.

7. THIS MESSAGE WAS PREPARED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF
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